

## **Barnwell Access to Continue Without Importation Agreements**

September 13, 2004

The South Carolina Budget and Control Board, in consultation with the Barnwell site operator, Chem-Nuclear Systems, has reviewed proposals from waste generators submitted in response to the Notice on our web page, "Solicitation of disposal access contracts, July 2, 2004." We appreciate the effort made by generators to project their waste disposal needs through June 2008.

Based on the volumes requested, we have decided not to require specific importation agreements at this time in order to obtain access to the Barnwell facility.

Until further notice, the Barnwell site will continue to accept waste that meets site acceptance criteria from generators with valid DHEC permits and valid Chem-Nuclear waste disposal contracts without the need for individual "importation authorizations" or "special disposal rate agreements."

We have asked Chem-Nuclear, effective October 1, 2004, to bill non-Atlantic Compact generators who do not have specific rate agreements at the rate of \$600 per cubic foot per shipment or in accordance with the "Disposal Rate Schedule for non-Atlantic Compact Waste, effective July 1, 2004" (published rate), whichever is greater. (Any sealed sources included in a shipment with other waste forms should be excluded for purposes of determining the \$600 per cu. ft. average.)

Customers who already have special disposal rate agreements or importation agreements, but who would like to ship more volume than specified in those agreements, may also ship the additional waste at the published rate or \$600 per cubic foot, whichever is greater. In such situations, this disposal rate will take effect following fulfillment of the volume commitment at the contract rate that is specified in the agreement for the fiscal year.

We appreciate your continued support of the Barnwell site and hope these procedures will reduce the administrative burden on your part. If you have questions about the policies set forth in this notice please contact Bill Newberry at 803-737-8037. If you have questions about waste acceptance criteria, billing procedures, and implementation of this guidance, please contact George Antonucci of Chem-Nuclear at 803-758-1807.